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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP: PRES. BANZER REQUESTS SECRETARY
RAISE OUTLET TO SEA WITH PRES. MORALES

REF: LA PAZ 1333

1. FURTHER TO MY TEL 1333:

A. BANGER OBVIOUSLY BELIEVES GOP IS STALLING ON NEGOTIATIONS
FOR AN OUTLET AND WILL CONTINUE TO DELAY AS LONG AS IT CAN.

B. AMONG BOLIVIAN CONCERNS IS THAT DELAY WILL SINK PROSPECTS
FOR SOLUTION AND CAUSE DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

C. BANZER PREPARED TO ACCEPT RISK THAT U.S. INITIATIVE WILL
HURT RATHER THAN HELP.

D. A CORRIDOR ALONG PERU BORDER, AS PROPOSED BY CHILE, IS
PREFERRED BOLIVIAN SOLUTION. ADDS FEATURE OF BUFFER BETWEEN
PERU AND CHILE.

2. FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, A FEASIBLE WAY TO RESPOND TO
BANZER'S REQUEST WITHOUT MEETINGS WITH INTERMEDIARIES IS TO
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AUTHORIZE ME TO TELL HIM BEFORE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IN LIMA

THAT: SECRETARY UNDERSTANDS HIS CONCERNS AND THE PEACEFUL
CONTEXT IN WHICH HE HOPES TO OBTAIN OUTLET TO SEA VIA CORRIDOR,
AND IF SECRETARY FIND ATMOSPHERE IN PERU CONDUCTIVE AND
OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS SELF, HE WILL RAISE SUBJECT WITH MORALES.

3. PLEASE CAPTION REPLY NIACT IMMEDIATE.
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